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1. VP-Bereitschaft no. 2247 has between 1600 and 1800 men and is organized in three infantry and one artillery units. The men are quartered in the former Zeiss works at Gera, which have been turned into barracks. The commander is Oberst Ernst Fluhr. Oberkommissar Buss, fnu, is the commander of special division 2, which is a radio and telephone division. All section leaders of the Bereitschaft go to military and political school, where military training predominates.
2. It is reported that a Gruppenführer receives 310 DM (East) per month, while an Oberwachmeister receives 291 DM (East).
3. In the area between Römhild and Stedtlingen, north of the Mellrichstadt area, earth bunkers were built along the border zone during the first weeks of November. Local inhabitants were employed for this work. There is an average distance of about 100 meters between the bunkers; the distance of the bunkers from the border varies with the terrain. The bunkers are garrisoned with four VP and two Russian soldiers each. Their equipment consists of Very pistols, submachine guns, and model 98 carbines. Relief of the bunker crew occurs at 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Food is brought to the bunkers in the morning and evening. Motorcyclists sit between the bunkers during the night. The usual border patrols walk between the bunkers.
4. The "Weipolds" forest camp, maintained by the Russian occupation troops, has been rebuilt. In November 1951, 120 Russian soldiers had been seen there. The soldiers wore red shoulder straps. It is believed that they were surveyor troops.
5. Near the Möchshof estate near Mendhausen, in Hildburghausen Landkreis, a new forest camp has been set up. A small unit of Russian troops is there.
6. Recent reports state that the VP border guard is now directly subordinate to the MVD. Orders go from the MVD to the VP Kreis commanders and to the Bereitschaft leaders.

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7. In Sondershausen and Meiningen border guard Bereitschaft troops drill with heavy weapons at the barracks. In Sondershausen there are training courses for airplanes and tank service crews. Cavalry squadrons with 12 horses in each are with the border command at Orisdorf; Effelder/Sonneberg Landkreis; Bockstadt, Hildburghausen Landkreis; and a VP riding school at Meiningen.
8. The VP border guards are organized into "Grenzbereitschaften", "Kommandanturen", and "Kommandos". Each Grenzbereitschaft includes three Kommandanturen, and each Kommandantur includes three or four Kommandos. The Grenzbereitschaft at Köppelsdorf has a strength of about 20 men. Its Kommandanturen are at Oberlind, Effelder, and Hasenthal/Spechtsbrunn. The Kommandos of the Oberlind Kommandantur are at Hühnbach, Heinersdorf, Orisdorf, and Lindenberg. The Kommandanturen have 20-25 men each, while the Kommandos have about 35 men each. The commander of the Köppelsdorf Grenzbereitschaft is named Greiner-May. The political leader is named Schmidt. The chief of staff is Gundermann; the Leiter of the Oberlind Kommandantur is Illmann; the Führer of the Lindenburg Kommando is Bolz.
9. The Plauen/Vogtland Grenzbereitschaft has Kommandanturen at Annaberg, Eibenstock, and Adorf. The Kommandos under them are at Hammerunterwiesenthal, Oberwiesenthal, Rittersgrün, Oberjügel, Jöstadt, Reitzenhain, Sachsengrund, Landwüst, and Klingenthal.

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